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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" When doctors are paid the risk allowance why should it not be paid to nurses in the Tuberculosis Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Doctors in the Tuberculosis Hospital are not paid any risk allowance."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of getting the lives of these persons insured so that the insurance companies concerned may pay this risk allowance when there is real necessity for it—that is, when they are subject to manhandling in the Mental Hospital or to some contagion in other hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Ordinarily a large number of people get their lives insured."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the lives of nurses less precious that they should be denied this risk allowance? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Nurses are given risk allowance."

Complaint against the Regional Inspector of Local Boards, Western Range.

* 810 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is not in his place . . ."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, when the first question in the name of the hon. Member was called, I did not rise to say that I had been authorized to put the question—even though I was authorized to do so—because the hon. Member Sri Palaniyandi also was authorized. I thought he would be present to put the question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member ought to have informed me beforehand that he had authorized a particular Member to put the question on his behalf. In that case, I would have myself called, the Member so authorized."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. Is it in order to get back to an item passed over already? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" No. I have called question No. 810. But even as regards questions passed over, I can take them up again provided there is time during the question hour. We can have them at the end."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Iyer) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the President of the Quilandy Panchayat Board complaining about the rude and autocratic behaviour of the Regional Inspector of Local Boards, Western Range, on 27th November 1953; and

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(b) whether the Government have ordered any enquiry thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Yes, the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards enquired into the matter personally and reported that the President had no grievance against the Regional Inspector."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know what action has been taken against the officer who has rudely behaved towards the Panchayat Board? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards who investigated this matter reported that no punishment was called for and so the matter has been closed."

Constitution of Regional Advisory Boards for cottage industries.

* 811 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Regional Advisory Boards have been constituted for cottage industries; and

(b) if so, in what regions and for what industries?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Regional Advisory Boards have been set up for the following regions for the industries noted against them :—

(1) Sivakasi and Sathur areas in Ramanathapuram district—Match industry.

(2) Tuticorin and Tiruchenur areas in Tirunelveli district —Palmyra fibre and leaf products.

(3) Dindigul area in Madurai district—Leather goods manufacture."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that in Punyankulam there is a sacred industry called the Pavithra Modiram industry and also there is a famous pottery industry in Papperi in Taliparamba and Badagara and Arichakara? If so, will the Government encourage these industries by constituting advisory boards for them also and giving them financial assistance? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am sorry, Sir, that I am not personally aware of all that. If the hon. Member could give me particulars I shall go into the question and constitute an advisory committee and give them such assistance as the Government can."